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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN ITS NATURAL GAS RATES AND FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES TO ITS NATURAL GAS TARIFF (FILED DECEMBER 21, 2015)

PSC DOCKET NO. 15-1734

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR AN INCREASE IN NATURAL GAS BASE RATES, PROPOSED NEW <u>SERVICE OFFERINGS</u>, <u>AND MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF CHANGES</u>

TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION:

On December 21, 2015, the Delaware Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") an application for an increase in natural gas rates, to implement proposed new service offerings, to defer certain expenses for later recovery, to implement a revenue normalization mechanism for residential and smaller commercial customers, and to effect miscellaneous tariff changes.

In its application, Chesapeake seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$4,741,823, or an increase of 9.96% over current revenues.

Proposed Increases

Service Classification	Full Proposed Increase		Interim Increase	
	Dollar Amounts	Percentage	Dollar Amounts	Dollar Amounts
RS-1	\$359,321	30.68	\$92,502	7.90
ERS-1	\$5,007	11.25	\$1,057	2.38
RS-2	\$3,791,018	12.33	\$1,544,161	5.02
ERS-2	\$23,402	4.96	\$9,736	2.06
GS	\$437,942	13.32	\$162,218	4.93
EGS	\$551	2.70	\$362	1.77
MVS	\$123,340	4.38	\$88,980	3.16
EMVS	\$408	3.86	\$302	2.86
LVS	\$(2,200)	-0.06	\$198,123	5.34
HLFS	\$(4,274)	-0.11	\$399,507	10.05
GLR	\$298	33.67	\$0	N/A
NCR	\$7,001	4.67	\$1,104	.74
ITS	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
NGV .	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
TOTAL	\$4,741,823	9.96%	\$2,498,052	5.25%

On January 19, 2016, in Order No. 8848, the Commission, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(a)(1), suspended the effect of the proposed new rates, tariff revisions and other requested relief pending further investigation, public comment sessions, and public evidentiary hearings, which will be held later after further public notice. However, in Order No. 8848 the Commission authorized Chesapeake to place a portion of its proposed increases into effect subject to refund, pursuant to 26 Del. C. \$306(c), sixty (60) days after the initial December 21, 2015 filling date, or on February 19, 2016. The Commission also granted Chesapeake's request to waive the requirement of a bond with surety with respect to the implementation of the interim rates.

The Commission will make its decision on this matter on the basis of the record evidence taken at the public evidentiary hearings. The Commission may approve or reject, in whole or in part, the proposed increase and tariff revisions and may approve a different method for allocating any increase (if it finds one to be appropriate).

You are invited to review Chesapeake's application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected by

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